

ERZINGAN NOW IN CZAR'S HANDS

Strongly Fortified Central
Armenian Town Evac-
uated

TURKS LEAVE PLACE

Russians Drive Mussulman Forces
Westward From Lost Important
Stronghold

London, July 27.—Erzingan, the
strongly-fortified Turkish town in
Central Armenia, has been evacu-
ated by the Turks, according to a dis-
patch from Petrograd.

Recent advices from Petrograd
said that the Russians, after beating
off energetic counter-attacks, were
converging on Erzingan from three
sides and that the Russian advance
guards were within 10 miles of the
fortified city. The Turks were re-
ported by Russian aviators to be de-
stroying the stores and supplies.

Belief was expressed by Russian
observers that the evacuation of the
place already had begun and that the
defense of the fortress was being
conducted only with the purpose of
giving the Turks time to withdraw
to a new base at Sivas, 130 miles to
the west.

The Russian official communication
of Tuesday said the Turkish armies
in the Erzingan region were "re-
treating in disorder before the ir-
resistible pressure of our troops and
were abandoning along the road
cannon, rifles and munitions."

Petrograd, July 27.—The Turkish
fortress of Erzingan in Central Ar-
menia has been captured by the Rus-
sians, it is announced officially by
the Russian war office.

Erzingan was the most important
base and military position of the
Turks in Asia Minor. It was the
headquarters of the Tenth Turkish
army corps and contained large bar-
acks and military factories.
It is situated at an altitude of
3900 feet, near the western end of
a rich, well-watered plain, through
which runs the western Euphrates
river. It is 80 miles southwest of
Erzurum, which position was cap-
tured by the troops of Grand Duke
Nicholas last February. The popula-
tion at the outbreak of the war
numbered about 15,000 of whom
about half were Armenians.

The Russians are continuing their
successful drive in South Volhynia,
pressing back the Teutonic forces
near the Slonevka river, a branch of
the Styx which the Russians are
crossing, the War Office announces.
Great losses have been inflicted on
the retreating hostile forces.

Forces under Field Marshal von
Hindenburg attacked the Russian
lines near Kemmern, 20 miles west
of Iglia, and nearly succeeded in
penetrating the Russian front line,
the War Office announces, but finally
were compelled to retreat by the
concentration of the Russian fire.

LATE W. E. OUTCALT

Services at Huntington, W. Va., Fri-
day Morning

Funeral services for the late Wil-
liam E. Outcalt, father of Dr. Char-
les E. Outcalt, of this city, who died
yesterday at his home at Middleway,
Jefferson county, West Virginia, will
take place tomorrow at 10 a. m. at
his late home.

The deceased was seventy-four
years old and besides his wife is sur-
vived by his son, Dr. Outcalt, of this
city, and a daughter, Mrs. G. T.
Smith, of Martinsburg, W. Va.

The deceased was prominent in
fraternal circles in West Virginia and
also an ardent Sunday-school worker,
being a member of the masonic frater-
nity, a Knight Templar, president
of the Berkeley County Sunday-school
Association and vice-president of the
West Virginia Sunday-school Associa-
tion.

Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows
will confer the first degree of the
order upon a class of two candidates
Friday night at Odd Fellows Hall.

NORFOLK DEATH MYSTERY

Messenger Gives Startling Informa-
tion in Connection With Keister
Case

Norfolk, Va., July 27.—Sensational
developments in the Keister tragedy
are expected to be brought to light
at the coroner's inquest into the death
of Mrs. Z. E. Keister on Thursday.
Z. E. Keister, a real estate man,
fired a bullet into his brain early last
Thursday morning, following the de-
struction of his residence in Colonial
Place by fire and the discovery of his
wife's charred body in the ruins. Keister
is in a critical condition al-
though there is a possibility of his
recovery.

A report made to Captain Leonard
Knapp at police headquarters by A.
S. Barnes, Western Union messen-
ger boy, gives information of a start-
ling character. The boy told Captain
Knapp that about 1:30 o'clock last
Thursday morning he was sent with
a message to Colonial Place, and that
on his way back to the city he heard
screams coming from a house at Gos-
nold Avenue and Thirty-eighth street.
He said he stopped and listened, and
he heard a woman scream, "Don't hit
me any more." The boy said he met
a police sergeant a few blocks on and
told him that a fight was going on in
the house on Gosnold Avenue. Two
hours later the fire in the Keister
home at Thirty-eighth Street and Gos-
nold Avenue, was discovered. Captain
Knapp investigated the boy's story,
and learned that he actually had made
a report of a fight going on in a house
on Gosnold Avenue to Sergeant T.
J. Dalton previous to the discovery
of the fire.

Coroner R. S. Kight performed an
autopsy on the body of Mrs. Keister
on Friday night. He declined to make
any statement in regard to the re-
sult, saying he must reserve his state-
ment for the coroner's jury. Follow-
ing the fire, old-soaked rugs were
found in the attic of the Keister home,
where the body of Mrs. Keister, lying
face upwards, was found by the
firemen. Assistant Fire Chief Thomas
G. Bunting is positive that the fire in
the Keister home was started both in
the basement and the attic.

NEW REGULATIONS.

Rules for Protection of Public
Health Sent Officers and
Physicians.

Richmond, Va., July 27. (Special).
—The rules and regulations for the
protection of the public health, as
recently revised by the State Board
of Health, are now available in bul-
letin form and have been sent all
health officers, officials, physicians
and other persons on the mailing
list of the board. Copies can like-
wise be had free upon request by
writing the board at its Richmond
headquarters.

While the new regulations make
comparatively few changes in the
existing methods for the control of
communicable diseases, those affect-
ing quarantine have been modified
and several new rules have been laid
down. Of special interest to health
officers is the classification of dis-
infectants to be used in cleansing
the quarters of infected persons.
More latitude is allowed under the
present regulations which are now
effective.

BOY PERISHES IN CORN-BIN

Drowning of Grain for Shipment
Sucks Him In

Carlisle, Pa., July 27.—Fourteen-
year-old John Kerns, playing with
boys of the same age around the
John Sheaffer mill at Creason, Tues-
day afternoon, secreted himself in a
1000-bushel bin of corn which, while
the lad was hidden, was drawn upon
for shipment.

The drain sucked the young man
into the mass of grain and ultimately
his dying struggles attracted the at-
tention of mill hands engaged in
handling the corn.

Suspensions were aroused, and the
rescuers were compelled to tear away
the lower part of the bin, which en-
abled them to find Kerns' body. The
lad was dead when found, and resusci-
tating methods were unavailing.

Miller Sheaffer had frequently warn-
ed the boys of the neighborhood of
the danger lurking in the mill.

Fish Day Tomorrow—Salt water
croakers trout and crab meat. San-
itary Fish Market. Stall No. 2, City
Market. Phone 785.

HEAT-WAVE GRIPS THE MIDDLE WEST

Many Prostrations Report-
ed in Chicago Yes-
terday

23 INFANTS SUCCUMB

Crops in Need of Rain—Grain Deal-
ers Fear Shortage, Especially in
Illinois

Chicago, July 27.—Excessively hot
weather held its grip on the Middle
West yesterday, with little prospect
of immediate relief in any locality.
Reports of steadily rising tempera-
tures came in throughout the day
from points as far West as Omaha.
The entire corn belt reported suffer-
ing from the heat while the need of
moisture for the growing crops be-
came more manifest.

The deaths of 23 infants were traced
yesterday directly or indirectly to
the present heat wave.

Lake cities generally reported rela-
tively low temperatures, but the ex-
cessively high temperatures in the
Mississippi Valley continued unabated.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon
Springfield registered 100 degrees;
Ottumwa, Ia., 102; Burlington, Ia.,
103, and Davenport, Ia., 102 the hot-
test in 15 years.

Quincy, Ill., July 27.—With a tem-
perature of 102 degrees at noon yes-
terday, indications here were that al-
though records would be shattered in the
afternoon.

Grain dealers report that the crops
hereabouts will be completely de-
stroyed unless rain falls within a
few days.

Not a drop has fallen here so far
in July and the past three weeks
the mercury has soared near the 90
degree mark.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 27.—The
thermometer registered 90 here yes-
terday. This is about seven degrees
above the average as it has been for
nearly a month.

Kansas City, Mo., July 27.—With a
temperature of 93 degrees here at
noon yesterday, it was believed the
thermometer would fail to touch Tues-
day's maximum of 98. Reports to the
Weather Bureau here indicated prac-
tically none of Kansas or Western
Missouri, would undergo a heat ex-
ceeding the 100 mark today.

Omaha, Neb., July 27.—The govern-
ment kiosk registered 93 degrees at
noon yesterday, and Weather Bureau
officials predicted the mercury would
climb to 98, by mid-afternoon.

Lincoln, Neb., reported 95 degrees
with the thermometer on an upward
swing. Sioux Falls, S. D., sweltered
in 96 degrees while Sioux City, Ia.,
experienced 94.

Des Moines, July 27.—At noon yes-
terday the mercury stood at 97 de-
grees, much higher than any previous
temperature at that hour this season.
Weather Bureau officials believed the
mercury might go to 100 before
night.

Dubuque, Iowa, July 27.—The tem-
perature at noon yesterday was 95,
with prospect of 97 by 3 o'clock,
which would be one degree higher than
the season's record to date. Crops—
potatoes and corn especially—are in
great need of rain.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 27.—The
highest temperature of the year was
recorded shortly after 2 o'clock yes-
terday afternoon at the office of the
local weather bureau. The official
figure was 97.5 degrees. The street
temperature was much higher.

Reports of prostrations from heat
were received from all parts of In-
diana. The previous high record for
this year was 94 degrees.

There was but one case upon the
docket of the Police Court this
morning. A man who gave his
name as Wilford Chamberlain had
been arrested by Officer Smith for
being drunk and disorderly in the
streets. He was fined \$5.

Just arrived a fresh supply of
Crabs Clams, and Oysters. Call or
Telephone and orders will be given
prompt attention. Ramell Cafe S.
Royal Street.

PRESS ASSOCIATION

Final Business Session Held Today at
Which Officers Will Be
Elected

Staunton, Va., July 27.—Yesterday
was spent by the editors of the Vir-
ginia Press Association mostly in
having a good time. Shortly after the
morning business session and lunch-
eon the knights of the quill were
whisked away in automobiles for an
afternoon at the grotoes of Virginia
and the beautiful scenic sights around
Augusta and Rockingham counties.

At the morning session addresses
were delivered by Walter H. Savory,
general eastern sales manager of the
Mergenthaler Linotype Company,
Attorney-General John Garland Pol-
lard, who is a candidate for govern-
or at the next election, and Mrs.
Kate Waller Barrett, the last two
speaking yesterday morning instead
of Tuesday night, as originally an-
nounced.

This morning at ten o'clock the final
business session was held in the Vir-
ginia Hotel, and officers were elected
for the coming year. A report
regarding the outcome of the elec-
tion is expected by the Gazette be-
fore press time.

At two p. m. the ladies attending
the convention were given a luncheon
by the Augusta Hotel, and directly
after the editors and their wives
were the guests at golf and trap
shooting at the Staunton Country
Club, after which a big reception and
the dancant at the country club head-
quarters wound up the three days'
convention.

WILL HOLD TAG DAY

Boy Scouts to Raise Funds for Fur-
nishing Room in Old Ladies' Home

Announcement has been made by
the local troop of Boy Scouts that
they will hold a tag day on August
5 to raise funds for the furnishing
of a room in the Anne Lee Memorial
Home for the Aged at the northeast
corner of Cameron and Fairfax
streets.

The scouts have decided to take
this action after consultation with
the ladies at the head of the old
folks' home. The room to be fur-
nished by them will be known as
the "Scouts' Room."

Anne Lee Memorial Home, which
is managed under the auspices of the
seventeenth Virginia Regiment Chap-
ter of the Daughters of the Confed-
eracy has been recently remodeled and
a number of improvements made to
the building, and much interest is
being aroused by the ladies in their
charitable work.

DEATH OF MISS JANNEY.

Well-Known Alexandria Lady Pass-
es Away at Alexandria Hos-
pital This Morning.

Miss Elizabeth Marks Janney, one
of the best known of Alexandria's
residents, died this morning, at 7
o'clock in the Alexandria Hospital,
where she had been confined by seri-
ous illness for a long time. The de-
ceased was about 40 years old and
lived at 517 Cameron street.

She was a daughter of the late
Mahlon and Wilhelmina Jamesson
Janney, and a great-granddaughter
of the late Commodore Jamesson, U.
S. N., and is survived by a brother,
Mahlon Janney, who resides in
Washington.

Funeral services for the deceased
will be held tomorrow afternoon at
5 o'clock from the residence of Mr.
and Mrs. Thomas W. Robinson, 428
north Washington street, and will
be conducted by the Rev. William
J. Morton rector of Christ Episco-
pal Church.

SALE AT BENDHEIM'S.

The ladies of Alexandria will find
some splendid bargains in the clear-
ance sale which opened at D. Bend-
heim and Sons, 417 King street, to-
day. The offering includes some es-
pecially desirable merchandise which
will be closed out at a saving of one
half in price in many cases.

DEATH NOTICE.

Died on Thursday, July 27, 1916,
at 7 a. m., at the Alexandria Hos-
pital, Elizabeth Marks Janney,
daughter of the late Mahlon H. and
Wilhelmina Jamesson Janney, Fur-
nished from the residence of Thomas
W. Robinson, 428 north Washington
street, at 5 p. m., Friday July 28.

DEUTSCHLAND HAS CLEARED

German Undersea Boat May
Leave Baltimore
Today

TIMMONS COALING UP

British Tramp Steamer Will Depart
at the Same Time U-Boat Moves
Down River

Baltimore, July 27.—When the Ger-
man subsea freighter Deutschland
skims down the Patapsco for the
capes, en route home, a big British
tramp steamer, the Ardgryfe, is due
to follow her as a spy ship.

An officer of the watch boat ad-
mitted today that "we plan to go out
when our friend over yonder does".
He was reticent about his purpose,
though he admitted he and his Jap
crew are keeping a lookout.

The Deutschland is still screened
behind her barge protectors. The
tug Timmons is ready to tow her.

Washington, July 27.—Aroused
by an official report from the commander
of the battleship Louisiana that a
mysterious ship, purporting to be a
British cruiser, had passed into the
mouth of Chesapeake bay early Tues-
day morning, the Navy Department
yesterday ordered the armored cruiser
North Carolina and three destroy-
ers to neutrality duty off Cape Henry.

Officials maintained unusual sec-
recy regarding the matter and would
not disclose just what instructions
were sent to the commander of the
North Carolina. It was assumed
however, that he had been directed to
see that the German merchant sub-
marine Deutschland, now preparing
for her return trip to Germany, is not
attacked by allied war vessels within
the three-mile limit and that Amer-
ican neutrality is not otherwise
violated.

Unofficially navy officers agreed that
if the ship sighted from the Louisiana
was a British cruiser, the commander
of the vessel had been guilty of a
breach of naval practice and had vi-
olated navigation laws in cruising
within territorial waters without pro-
per lights. While it was within her
rights in entering territorial waters,
provided she had observed the rules,
it was declared an attempt to run
into the bay on a scouting expedition
and in disregard of navigation laws
would constitute a gross violation of
international courtesy.

Since the name of the craft is not
known and since she apparently re-
turned to sea after a brief inspec-
tion of the roadstead only the principle
involved in the incident can be treated
in whatever course the Washington
Government may pursue. A violation
of navigation laws cannot be held
against an unidentified ship.

It was clearly indicated last night
that adequate precautions would be
taken by naval vessels on neutrality
duty to see that the visit was not re-
peated unless with proper formal-
ities and that British or French war
vessels which might be lying off the
Capes waiting for the German mer-
chant submarine to pass out on her
return journey did not violate Ameri-
can neutrality.

The statement that the mysterious
visitor in the roads Tuesday night
made the signal "English cruiser",
puzzled navy officers. The ordinary
style of reporting the identity of a
warship to a passing vessel or marine
lookout would require a formal state-
ment of nationality and name. The
Louisiana would report as the "U.
S. S. Louisiana," and a British war
ship ordinarily would say "H. M. S."
(His Majesty's Ship) before giving
her name.

Officials were at loss also to account
for the purpose of the trip. It was
pointed out that the cruiser could
have had little hope of obtaining val-
uable information about the Deutsch-
land in an flying night visit in the
lower bay. The British Embassy had
no information on the subject and
embassy officials said they doubted
that a British commander would under-
take such a method of seeking in-
formation about the German subma-
rine.

BRITISH OPTIMISM

Lord Derby Says English Are Not
Tired Out of the War

London, July 27.—"Great Britain is
not tiring of the war. On the con-
trary, the country has never been
more hopeful and united," said Lord
Derby, former director of recruit-
ing and now undersecretary for war,
in an interview yesterday with Am-
erican correspondents, whom he wel-
comed in his new capacity.

"I want you to impress upon the
American people," Lord Derby con-
tinued, "our determination to destroy
the efforts of Germany to dominate
the world. The fighting now is ter-
rible, so awful that not a man ac-
tually in it—ourselves as well as the
Germans—ever wants another war.
But we must push our victory until
we make it impossible for the Ger-
man rulers to revive the conflict."

"The unity of the nation has be-
come impressive. It extends to every
circle. No one could have told me
three years ago that I would be work-
ing in the same office with Lloyd
George, but here we are, using our
utmost efforts, in perfect harmony,
to do our part to win the war."

"Even the Irish situation, lamenta-
ble as it is, merely forms a domestic
problem. The unfortunate aspect is
that neutrals may think it indicates
disunion in our prosecution of the
war, but a study of the speeches of
both sides to the controversy shows
they have not changed a hair in their
opinion that the war must be pro-
ceeded with the utmost vigor."

"The military situation is satisfac-
tory. I am not in a position to give
you details of the actual operations
but I can tell you that on a recent
visit I found every one at the front
exceedingly cheerful and fully con-
vinced that we were started on the
straight road to victory."

"We have no desire to partition
Germany. Some of our colonies may
insist upon the reiteration of the Ger-
man colonies, but that is not what we
are in the war for. We want to pre-
vent future wars, and we want the
United States with us in this, not for
this war, but hereafter."

"You ask how far the present of-
fensive expects to go. I don't know
but personally I want it to go as far
as Berlin."

BABY RATTLES SNAKE'S TAIL

Horrified Mother Ends Gossip on
Noting Mismatched Playmates

Towanda, Pa., July 27.—While dis-
cussing the infantile paralysis epi-
demic with a neighbor a few days
ago, Mrs. Agnes Johnson, living a
few miles from Towanda, was paralyzed
with terror when she noticed her
2-year-old son playing with a strange
object in the yard. She ran to the
child and found the youngster teasing
a three-foot rattlesnake, which was
apparently but little annoyed by the
child.

Snatching the child from the
ground, Mrs. Johnson secured a club
and succeeded in killing the snake,
which had eight rattles.

The child was carefully examined
to see if the snake had lacerated him
with its fangs, but no marks were
found.

The child had been playing with
the snake about 10 minutes and had
held of its tail, shaking the rattles,
at one time. The child also crawled
over the snake, Mrs. Johnson avers.

FOUND — Pocketbook, July 25th.
Loser may have same by proving
ownership at 500 south Washing-
ton street. 173-3t.

FUNERAL OF R. W. DOWNS

The remains of Russ W. Downs,
a former resident of this city, who
died near Middleburg, Va., Tuesday
were brought to Alexandria this af-
ternoon and interred in Bethel Ceme-
tery. Funeral services for the de-
ceased were conducted at Demeine's
undertaking chapel at 4 o'clock this
afternoon by the Rev. E. T. Kirk-
ley pastor of the Methodist Protes-
tant Church.

Final Clearance

MILLINERY.

Trimmed hats to go at 25c, 50c, \$1.00
and \$2.00. Some were \$9.00 to
\$12.00.

All untrimmed hats at 50c and \$1.00.
MRS. J. HAYES,
915 King St. 172-2t

BRITISH HOLD

ALL POZIERES

Capture of Village Clears
Way For Advance Upon
Bapaume

EXPECT NEW DRIVES

Germans Close Belgian Frontier in
Order That Their Plans May Not
Become Known

London, July 27.—The Allies are
able to congratulate themselves on
another good day's record with the
capture of the important positions of
Pozieres, on the western front, and
Erzingan, in Armenia, while the Rus-
sian General Sakharoff, in the fight-
ing on the Slonevka river, captured
another 4,000 prisoners and five guns.

The capture of Pozieres, report-
ed by Field Marshal Sir Douglas
Haig, the British commander-in-chief
in France, gives the British troops
domination of the highest point over-
looking the plateau on which the Ger-
man lines extend to the eastward.

Some of the most stubborn fight-
ing in the recent British offensive,
which now has lasted nearly a month,
has occurred in the streets of this
village, which the Germans fortified
until it became one of the strongest
points of their line.

Every house had to be fought for
and taken separately, and the Brit-
ish, after obtaining possession of a
considerable portion of the village,
were subjected to severe counter-
attacks which they withstood success-
fully for several days, and then in
turn again seized the initiative, un-
til the whole place fell before their
onslaughts.

The German General Staff regard-
ed the possession of Pozieres of such
importance that they even brought
reinforcements from troops which had
been fighting in the Verdun sector,
and these held tenaciously to part of
the village until driven out or cap-
tured in the hand-to-hand fighting.

The British Secretary for War,
David Lloyd George, in a published
statement, shows the importance the
Germans attached to the retention of
Pozieres, by quoting from a German
divisional order issued in Contalmaison
on July 11 as follows:

"Furthermore, the conversion of vil-
lages into strong points is of the
greatest importance. Such villages
are Pozieres, Contalmaison and the
two Bazentin and Longueval."

Secretary Lloyd-George points out
that with the capture of Pozieres,
the last of these villages have fallen
into the Allies hands.

The opinion of the military critics
in London is that no positions so
strong as the British are now success-
fully attacking will be found between
Pozieres and Bapaume; otherwise,
they argue, the Germans would not
have risked bringing troops and guns
from the Verdun sector to defend Po-
zieres, and it is inferred from indi-
cations in the official dispatches that
the British are already beginning to
establish themselves on both sides of
the road from Pozieres to Bapaume.

Germany has closed the Belgian
frontier, according to dispatches from
Amsterdam. She is pouring great
masses of troops into the west and
the frontier has been closed as a pre-
caution against any of their move-
ments becoming known.

"South of the Somme a sudden at-
tack made us masters of a fortified
house about 150 metres southeast of
Estrees. We took some prisoners."

"Five cannon, of 105 millimetres,
taken in a battery we captured Mon-
day south of Estrees, are added to
the material already reported as
taken."

"On the rest of the front the day
was calm except in Champagne, where
a rather violent artillery action oc-
curred in the sector west of Prosenes."

The official German statement, is-
sued at Berlin, dealing with the west
front, admits that the British have es-
tablished themselves in Pozieres.
Further to the east, on Foreux wood
and near Longueval, minor British at-
tacks were repulsed. Attempted at-
tacks on Trones wood were observed
the statement adds, and frustrated by
German fire.